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Anne K. Quinlan
Surface Transportation Board
395 East S. W. Room 1149
Washington, D. C. 20024

Via FAX

Reference Docket AB 33 (Sub No 175 X)

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The efforts so far to negotiate acquisition of this particular railroad corridor between Ellsworth and Jewell in Hamilton County, Iowa, for conversion to a trail have not resulted in transfer of title.

We are, therefore, requesting that additional time be granted in which to finalize these negotiations. It is my belief that the Union Pacific Railroad is in agreement with an extension of time in which to complete these negotiations.

I am furnishing ten copies of this letter for the board and am sending a copy to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Omaha, NE.

Your favorable action upon this request will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan